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[redacted] Following up on the conversation between [redacted] of OLC, and Stuart Statler, Minority Chief Counsel, Senate Government Operations Committee Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, earlier today, I called Statler to try to explain to him why we would be unable to provide him with the briefing before Secretary Butz and other Agriculture witnesses appear before the Subcommittee this afternoon. I explained that our OER people ([redacted] specifically) were scrubbing our figures on Soviet grain production in light of new information available to us and that this process would not be completed for several days (perhaps not until next week). I said as he knew this was a changing situation and we had to update figures as changes occur in our data base. Statler asked if I knew whether the figure would be going up or down and I told him I was fairly certain the figure would be going down but I didn't think we were in a position to be specific as yet. I also told him the figure we had provided to the Majority Staff of the Subcommittee several days ago were now outdated and we would have to be back in touch with them also when we had some relatively firm figure. At one point in the conversation Statler mentioned that he had information from an independent and reliable source that the figure would go down to 180 million. I did not comment on this.

On the basis of several specific questions Statler raised, I got Dr. Ed Proctor, DDI, on the phone with Statler and Proctor explained in further detail why he could not take his analysts off the job to provide a briefing when it was a matter of priority to get these figures scrubbed down.

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15.. [redacted] Called Howard Feldman, Chief Counsel of the Majority Staff of the Senate Government Operations Committee Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to advise him of our conversations with Stuart Statler, of the Minority Staff, to let him know that the figures given him (along with Dorothy Fosdick and David Vienna, of the Subcommittee staff) were now inaccurate and would have to be updated. I suggested perhaps when we have a firm figure in hand we could brief both the Majority and Minority Staffs at the same time. Feldman seemed to have no difficulty with any of this and I told him I would be back in touch within the next few days.

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6. [REDACTED] At George Cary's request, I called Dorothy Fosdick, staff of the Senate Government Operations Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to advise her that we have additional information which may revise our figures on the Soviet grain situation and wanted to alert her to that fact. She suggested that I call Howard Feldman or Richard N. Perle, also of the Senate Subcommittee staff. I called Feldman and advised him of the additional information and suggested that we might brief him and Stuart M. Statler, also of the Senate Subcommittee staff, of our new interpretation on 1 August. Feldman had no problems on this and it was agreed that we would be back in touch.

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Chief Counsel, Senate Government Operations Permanent Subcommittee
on Investigation, and advised him that we would not be able to make the
briefing scheduled for 0930 today because additional information on the
Soviet grain situation may change and offered to provide the briefing jointly
with Howard Feldman, also of the Subcommittee staff, on 1 August. Statler
objected saying that Senator Charles H. Percy (R., Ill.) needed the
information before today's vote scheduled for 1355 hours. I explained that
25X1 we are dealing with [redacted] which simply requires an
interpretation and it is not likely that we can do this today. He said the matter
was urgent and he would like to have George Cary call him later this morning.

25X1A 8. ([redacted] Accompanied [redacted] OCI,
25X1 [redacted] OCI and [redacted] OSR, to a briefing of Representati
25X1A Paul Findley (R., Ill.) which lasted approximately 40 minutes. Congressman
25X1A Findley will be visiting Korea, Japan and China. His interests in China were
the following: Sino Soviet border, possibility of seeing the Chinese
Agriculture Minister, Formosa problem, Diego Garcia, and existence of any
current major problem between Peking and Washington. On Korea, he was
interested in the state of political repression in Seoul and what chance he had of
seeing President Park. Re Japan, his concern was Japan's attitude towards
the mutual defense treaty with the U.S., particularly the attitudes of the
opposition parties.

It was more of a question and answer session than a briefing. He
seemed to be pleased on what he got from us. On parting, I expressed
the hope that he would share some of his observations after his trip with
us. He said he would.

25X1 9. [redacted] Spoke with Rick Gureghian, in the office of
Representative Gerry E. Studds (D., Mass.), who had called late yesterday
afternoon to ask whether the Agency was going to make a public statement
on reports that American mercenaries were being trained at Quantico Marine
25X1A Base to fight in Rhodesia. I had conferred with Angus Thuermer, Assistant
to the Director, and [redacted], Executive Assistant to the DDO, and explained
to Gureghian that the Agency had a policy of not responding to press allegations
regardless of their content. He seemed satisfied with this answer.

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